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## Town hall tonight

Fort Sill's live televised, call-in town hall meeting is tonight at 6 p.m.

All Fort Sill personnel and their family members may participate. The number to call during the live telecast is 442-1100.

It will also be broadcast off post on Fidelity Communications Cable of Lawton Channel 2. The meeting is scheduled to be broadcast on the Fort Sill Garrison website at <http://sill-www.army.mil/USAG/> and click on the Town Hall link on the left side.

## Wills require appointments

By Legal Assistance office

Retired servicemembers and their spouses who attend the 32nd Annual Retiree Appreciation Days Sept. 16-18 are urged to schedule legal assistance appointments in advance.

For preparation of wills and other estate planning documents, each spouse will require an individual appointment and see a separate attorney.

The Fort Sill Legal Assistance Office is on the fourth floor of Building 4700. Attorneys can prepare wills, advance directives and medical and durable powers of attorney for those who have appointments, as well as provide legal advice to retirees on other matters.

Retirees are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to put legal affairs in order. Beginning Tuesday, retirees can call 442-5058/5059 to schedule individual appointments and request mail-out of planning packets to complete prior to their appointments.

An advance directive, or living will, is a valuable document informing family members and health care providers of the life-sustaining treatment a patient wants to receive or decline if terminally ill, comatose or suffering from the end stage of a progressive or deteriorating disease. Specifics about organ donation may also be specified.

A power of attorney legally empowers one individual to act on behalf of another. A durable power of attorney remains effective even if the principal becomes incapacitated or incompetent. It allows the person named to make decisions and act during periods of incapacity avoiding what could otherwise be an expensive guardianship or conservatorship proceeding for an incapacitated or incompetent adult.

Preparing an estate plan, including making advance decisions about end of life treatment and appointing whom will act for you if you become unable to make decisions for yourself, can provide personal peace of mind and relieve family members of making difficult decisions at times of great stress.

## News briefs

### Ceremony

The public is invited to the change of responsibility ceremony Tuesday at 9 a.m. in front of McNair Hall for the Fort Sill Garrison command sergeant major. Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Powell is retiring and Command Sgt. Maj. Terry Hall will become the new garrison command sergeant major.

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## New gates coming



This is an artist's rendition of an entry control point with an Automated Installation Entry gate. Construction will start Monday at Fort Sill's Apache Gate on a similar entrance to the one shown. Construction will take about 90 days at each of Fort Sill's access control points.

## Construction to begin at post entrances

By Keith Pannell

Fort Sill officials have been working to get state-of-the-art gates at the post's entrances for more than three years. Starting Sept. 7, the future will begin.

On that date, Phase One construction will begin at Fort Sill's Apache Gate to build the structures for the Automated Installation Entry gate.

"AIE will go where the existing small guard shack is," said Bob Pirtle, Fort Sill provost marshal. "It will bring a little bit of lane width for the road, it will bring raised islands, it will bring guard booths, it will bring overhead cover and vastly improved working conditions for the guards. This will give them a much better working environment."

Contractors have told Pirtle that construction should take approximately 90 days per gate, weather permitting. Traffic at Apache Gate will be rerouted to flow under the large canopy that was built at the gate about a year ago. Pirtle said after Apache Gate is finished, which should be around the beginning of December, contractors will begin the process at Key Gate East

to coincide with the yearly exodus from basic training and finish before the summer surge of trainees.

### What's new?

Even after the physical structures are finished, motorists coming onto post won't notice a lot of difference, other than the appearance of the structures. Everyone in a vehicle will still have to show a government issued ID card to gate guards with Mobilisa scanners.

"We will not do away with Mobilisa," Pirtle said. "It's too good of a tool, because we can use Mobilisa as a random anti-terrorism measure. We can set up on a road away from the gate and do checks, we can check work sites, so Mobilisa is an important tool for us."

Pirtle said the AIE is scheduled to go fully functional in 2013. He said it is a Common Access Card-type system where a motorist

swipes the card and a guard in the guard shack sees a computer screen turn different colors.

"It's really simple," said Pirtle. "If the screen turns green, the [barricade] arm goes up and you come on Fort Sill. If the screen turns red, there's a problem."

He said problems could be as simple as a mistake in the registration process or the fact that the card holder may have a warrant for their arrest.

Pirtle said the next three years will be spent training Fort Sill gate guards, police and administrative personnel on how to use the system and make sure the registration process goes as smoothly as possible.

### What you need to do

Pirtle said one of the keys to making the system go smoothly for motorists, Soldiers and post employees is to get properly registered when the time comes.

"You'll have to come back in and re-register your vehicle," he said.

"The registration you have now will not work on AIE. The AIE is more in-depth, it has a (radio frequency identifier) tag that will be placed on your vehicle and you will have a new picture ID taken. So, when you come in the gate, the card, the RFI tag and the photo all have to match up."

Pirtle said he expects registration for Fort Sill residents and employees to begin about a year or more out from the actual implementation of the system.

The provost marshal asks Fort Sill motorists for their patience while the gates are being built. He said he understands construction, on and off post, can be frustrating, but the end result will be beneficial for everyone.

"We work hard on the security of our gates and AIE is going to make us better," Pirtle said. "AIE will give us an opportunity to be more secure, AIE gives us a chance to tighten our security noose around the post and make us a harder target for someone who might have designs as a terrorist or even just normal criminal activity. So, AIE is going to be a good thing for us and we're excited about it."

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Bob Pirtle  
Fort Sill provost marshal

## DOL teams earn performance awards

### Cannoneer staff

When transportation assistant Glenda Clipp heard she was going to receive a performance award she was surprised because she believed that she was just doing her job.

Clipp worked as part of the passenger travel office team at the Directorate of Logistics, which provided travel support to the 434th Field Artillery Brigade. The team assisted more than 15,000 Soldiers graduating from basic training during a 10-month period.

"I was shocked; it's just something that we do for the Soldiers," said Clipp, who has been at DOL since 2007. Clipp and her co-workers John Cochrane, Ricardo Delgado, Rodney Morgan and Clifford Sampson were recognized for their work by the Fires Center of Excellence Director of Resource Management Aug. 17. They were part of 11 DOL employees on three teams, who were honored for superlative job performance in support of the Army Training and Doctrine Command.

The diligence of the employees in the passenger travel office was commendable, and the team excelled in providing outstanding support to ensure that all trainees reached their destinations in a timely manner, according to their Army Commendation award citation.

Delgado agreed with Clipp that they were just serving the Soldiers and their families. He said it feels great to be recognized and that it was a team effort.

"It was a lot of focus, patience and getting along with the other team members," Delgado said, referring to how the team worked together. He also attributed their success to their friendly work environment.

### Latrine contract

Whenever a unit performed an



Courtesy photo

The Directorate of Logistics' Travel Support Team received Army Commendation certificates and performance awards from the Army Training and Doctrine Command Aug. 17, at DOL. U.S. Army Fires Center of Excellence Director of Resource Management Julie Young (left) presented the awards to Ricardo Delgado, John Cochrane, Clifford Sampson and Glenda Clipp. Rodney Morgan also received awards but was not at the ceremony. They were part of 11 DOL employees on three teams, who were honored for superlative job performance in support of TRADOC.

exercise and needed chemical latrines placed on ranges, it would call a private company and pay for the service with a credit card. Prices ran anywhere from \$44 to more than \$200 per unit. It was not very cost effective and during a year, thousands of latrines were rented.

Contract specialists at the Plans and Operations Division devised an analysis and development of a postwide blanket purchase agreement for latrines with DOL being the ordering and paying officer, according to the award citation. The initiative will save the Army money.

For their efforts the team of Karen Jordan, Henry Cara and Ellen Morris, of the Plans and Operations Division, received awards.

"It's great that they (TRADOC) recognize us, but I would do it whether I was recognized or not," said Morris, logistics contract specialist. "It was a team effort, and we are here to serve our Soldiers."

The savings go beyond money, Morris said. "We also save each unit from having to do the workload."

Jordan, Plans and Operations Division chief, said she felt honored with the award and noted that it came from another command, TRADOC.

A major portion of the work to change to a blanket agreement was the analysis, Jordan said.

"We were figuring out that we had an opportunity to excel and going after it," she said.

### Increased workload

In April, a contract that provided field and sustainment level maintenance support to Fort Sill was about to expire and then units would be without maintenance support, said Rhonda Hutchins, Plans and Operations Division logistics contract specialist, in an e-mail interview.

DOL agreed to accept the additional workload to modify the contract under a short deadline. With the assistance of the directorates of Contracting, Resource Management, DOL's Maintenance Division, and World Technical Services, the DOL base operations contract was modified to include the Fleet Management Expansion workload, Hutchins said. The transition went smoothly and there was no lapse in service to the units.

Hutchins, Arthur Johnson and Jim Rees were recognized for their work on the contract with commendation certificates and monetary awards.

Equipment specialist Rees, who described himself as a numbers cruncher, said the work entailed taking cost estimates, identifying skill sets for the requested work as well as equipment needed and man-hour projections.

"To me, I was just doing my job," Rees said. "They asked me for some information, and I ran it down."

### Teamwork

Jordan emphasized that the award recognitions were a reflection of the support and partnership between TRADOC and the Installation Management Command, which DOL is a member.

"We have an integrated spirit of 'Team Sill,'" she said.